

Title IV, Part A: Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: What is Title IV, Part A?

A: *Title IV, Part A is a federal funding source available to traditional public school districts and public charter schools under ESSA.*

Q2: What can Title IV, Part A funds be used for?

A: *There are three main areas of focus under Title IV: Well-rounded educational opportunities, social and emotional supports, and effective technology use and integration. Please see the menu of interventions (pages 6-9 of the application) and the [IDOE Title IV website](#) for more information on allowable activities.*

Q3: Who is eligible to apply for Title IV, Part A?

A: *For school year 2018-2019, all public school districts and public charter schools that receive Title I funds are eligible.*

Q4: How much is my allocation?

A: *As Title IV, Part A is a formula grant, you will be sent your LEA's allocation as determined by the formula. The minimum allocation allowed by statute is \$10,000 for an individual LEA.*

Q5: What are the steps to apply as a consortium?

A: *You will need to partner with another traditional public school district or charter school and submit a single application. Each consortium must identify a fiscal agent and complete the consortium-specific sections of the application.*

Q6: How do applicants include services for non-public schools?

A: *Traditional public school districts are required to consult in a meaningful and timely manner with all non-public schools in their geographic boundaries. They must also generate a per-pupil allocation for all students enrolled in non-public schools and ensure equitable share and participation. Applicants must complete all non-public school information in the application and indicate the budget and Title IV programming planned in the non-public schools. In a consortium, all members that are also traditional public school districts must consult with all non-public schools in each member's area.*

Q7: Do charter schools have to consult with non-public schools or provide an equitable share?

A: *No.*

Q8: How is the non-public school given access to funds?

A: *Similar to other federal programs, the LEA must be the fiscal agent of the Title IV funds and must purchase items and maintain inventory for the non-public school.*

Any staff working at the non-public school on Title IV-funded activities must be paid by the LEA directly or through a contracted service for any Title IV-specific activities.

Q9: When is the Title IV application due?

A: *Title IV application is due August 31st, 2018 and is on the Title IV webpage <https://www.doe.in.gov/grants/title-iv>.*

Q10: How do I submit my LEA's Title IV application?

A: *Please submit via jotform link on the first page of the Title IV application.*

Q11: How much of my allocation must be spent in all the Focus areas?

A: *If your LEA receives under \$30,000.00 you may spend your Title IV allocations in any focus area. If your LEA receives over \$30,000.00 you must spend 20% of your allocation in Focus area A and Focus area B. Plus something in Focus area C.*

Q12: How much of my allocation can I spend on technology infrastructure such as devices?

A: *You may spend no more than 15% of your total allocation on technology infrastructure which includes devices.*

Q13: If my LEA received Title IV funding for school year 2017-2018 can I still receive Title IV funding for school year 2018-2019?

A: *Yes, if your LEA received Title I funding school year 2017-2018 you will receive an allocation for school year 2018-2019.*

Q14: When is the grant effective date?

A: *The grant effective date will be the date the application was submitted in a substantially approvable form. Substantially approvable means all required elements of the application were complete when submitted and may be approvable; a grant that is submitted in substantially approvable may still require some revisions or adjustments.*

Q15: How much must be spent on each focus area?

A: *Applicants may implement programming in one or more focus areas. Please note that if your allocation is over \$30,000.00 you must spend 20% of your total allocation in Focus Area A and Focus Area B plus some amount in Focus Area C. If your allocation is under \$30,000.00 you may spend your funding in any Focus Area.*

Q16: How much can be spent on technology?

A: *Focus Area C can include funding for staff training and capacity building, effective integration of technology and curricula, and purchasing of technology infrastructure. Spending on technology infrastructure (software, hardware, and devices) is limited to no more than 15% of the total Title IV allocation.*

Q17: Can I pay for salaries with Title IV?

A: Yes. However, keep in mind Title IV funding will likely not be available to all LEAs each year. Thus, sustainability will be key; salaried positions paid exclusively through Title IV would be difficult to sustain in future years without alternate sources of funding. Please be sure to indicate the future sources of funding for salaries in the sustainability portion of the application.

Q18: How do I determine an equitable share for non-public schools?

A: Part 8 of the Title IV, Part A Application outlines the steps needed to generate a per pupil allocation to calculate the equitable share for non-public schools participating in Title IV activities.

Q19: Can Title IV funds be used for all students or only Title I schools?

A: Title IV funds are a district grant that can be used for all students. However, you must show priority in using funds for schools most in need.